

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. Claims 3, 4, 18 and 19 are currently under consideration.

Nonstatutory Double Patenting

Claims 3, 4, 18, and 19 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly unpatentable over claims 4 and 7-9 of U.S. Patent No. 6,344,550.

Without acquiescing to this ground of rejection and solely in order to expedite prosecution, applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer over prior Patent No. 6,344,550, except as specifically limited by the Terminal Disclaimer included herewith. Accordingly, applicants submit that this ground of rejection has been obviated and respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

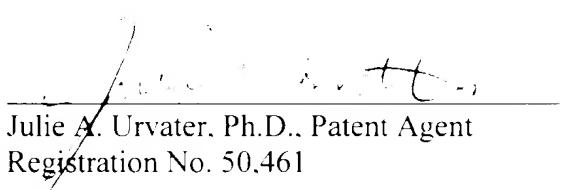
Applicants respectfully submit that the claims remaining in the application are now allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Respectfully submitted,

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